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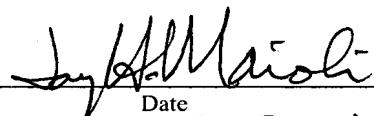
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 8, 2003,
Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims that begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page eight of this paper.